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OF FIBER OPTIC MODULES,
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RETENTION MECHANISMS THEREFOR

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated June 1, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

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IN THE DESCRIPTION

On Page 29, lines 8 to 19, please amend the description as follows:

Referring now to Figure 2J, a top view of the fiber optic module 200D and the cage or module receptacle 201D are illustrated. A top view of the retention mechanism 206 better illustrates the elements of the catch 213 and finger release tab 215 ~~21f~~ of the spring latch 212. The width of the retention mechanism 206 ~~26~~ can vary while its length is dimensioned so as to appropriately hold the fiber optic module against the connector 202A in order to maintain electrical connections. The latches 180 are illustrated in the guide sides 220 including the openings 182 in each. The guide sides 220 guide the sides of the fiber optic module 200D ~~2002~~ into the cage, receptacle 201D. The electrical connector 202A includes the pads or contacts 216.